

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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**12928/10018**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD FOR DESIGNING A NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY HAVING A DAMPING GUIDE TUBE, A CORRESPONDING SYSTEM, COMPUTER PROGRAM AND MEDIUM**, the specification of which was filed as U.S. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; and was filed as International Application Serial No. PCT/FR03/00608 on 25 February 2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

Number	Country	(Day/month/year	Priority Claimed	
02 02660	France	1/3/2002	Yes <u>X</u>	No <u>  </u>

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1. That I am a citizen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, residing at 14 Combroke Grove, Hatton Park, Warwick, CV35 7TG.

2. That I am well-acquainted with the French and English languages.

3. That the attached is a true translation into the English language of the International Patent Application No. PCT/FR03/00608, filed on 25 February 2003.

4. That all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardise the validity of the patent application in the United States of America or any patent issuing thereon.

Declared this 16th day of August 2004.

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